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SUBJ: DTS SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM-SKYLINK SYSTEM

REF: STATE A-234

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE REPAIR AND
ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS LISTED IN PART IV:

(A) NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED INSTALLATION SCHEDULE.

(B) CURRENT RADIO HIGH FREQUENCY OPERATIONS CONDUCTED
BY TCU SERVE AS BACKUP TO LEASED LINE FACILITY AND THEREFORE
USED REASONABLY INFREQUENTLY. WE HAV RECEIVED NO QUESTIONS
EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY ON TCU RADIO OPERATIONS, ALTHOUGH
WE CERTAIN ITS EXISTENCE AND USE KNOWN TO GOU. WE CONSIDERED
POSSIBILITY OF SIMPLY NOTIFYING GOU OF INSTALLATION OF
SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY,BUT REJECTED THAT IN
FAVOR OF NON-NOTIFICATION AS PROPOSED IN REPAIR. WE
PREPARED TO FACE PROBLEM--IF ONE IS PRESENTED--AT
TIME IT BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. WISH TO REMIND DEPT
HOWEVER, OF GOU ND EXPECIALLY MILITARY SENSITIVITY TO ANY
ISSUE INVOLVING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. SINCE AREA OF SATELLITE
COMMUNICATION IS NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE REGULATED BY INTER-
NATIONAL LAW, WE BELIEVE ANY OBJECTION--IF RAISED--COULD
BE APPROACHED INITIALLY ON THAT BASIS ALTHOUGH ADMITTEDLY
GOU COULD OBJECT THAT ANY RADIO TRANSMISSION FROM ITS
TERRITORY REQUIRES APPROVAL AS STIPULATED IN CURRENT
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REGULATIONS.

(C) CANCELLATION OF ITT LEASED CIRCUIT COULD PROMPT FORMAL OR INFORMAL INQUIRY TO US. INQUIRY MOST PROBABLY WOULD BE DIRECTED ALONG LINES REASONS THEREFOR, WHAT WE ARE DOING IN LIEU OF USE OF CIRCUIT TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS AND UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY. IF SUCH SHOULD OCCUR, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO RESPOND WITH SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT SATELLITE COMMUNICATION

FACILITY HAD BEEN INSTALLED. WE ARE NOT SAYING SUCH INQUIRY WILL BE MADE, BUT IT IS PROBABILITY SINCE STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITY (ANTEL) WILL LOSE REVENUE AS RESULT CONACELLATION LEASED CIRCUIT.

(D) WE CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF C&R OPERATED TELETYPE CIRCUIT WITH WASHINGTON AS DESIRABLE BUT NOT NECESSARY FOR POST'S OPERATIONS. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, CIRCUIT COULD BE OPERATED WITH EXISTING C&R STAFFING, SPACE FOR TERMINAL AND OTHR EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE ALTHOUGH CRAMPED, AND NO PROBLEMS WITH SEPARATE TCU AND C&R SELCAL CAPABILITY. SIRACUSA

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